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1. CONTENTS OF REFTEL CONVEYED TO DC& I ON MARCH 23 WITH SUGGESTION FOR DISCUSSIONS ON MARCH 26.

2. ECONOFF MET WITH AMERICAN TRADE OFFICER AND OTHER DC& I OFFICIALS ON MARCH 26. SUBSTANCE OF DC& I REPLY AS FOLLOWS:

A) DC& I "ASTONISHED" AT REQUEST SINCE IT BELIEVED UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT FEBRUARY TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WAS FOR A CONTINUED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BEFORE ANY ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN HK EXPORT LICENSING STATISTICS AND US IMPORT FIGURES;

B) DC& I BELIEVES FEBRUARY EXERCISE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE WAS NO SMUGGLING IN HONG KONG AND THAT CLASSIFICATION DISCREPANCIES WERE SMALL; MAJOR SOURCES OF AUGMENTED US IMPORTS WERE TRANSSHIPMENTS OF GOODS SENT TO THIRD- COUNTRY DESTINATIONS, A PROBLEM THE HKG IS NOT IN A POSITION TO CONTROL;

C) NOTICE TO EXPORTERS, SERIES 2, NO. 6/73, FEBRUARY 22, THREW OPEN REMAINDER OF 72/73 QUOTA, INCLUDING CARRYOVER, TO APPLICATION. MAJORITY OF THIS QUOTA HAS BEEN DIS-

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TRIBUTED AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RETRACT QUOTA ALREADY ISSUED;

D) WITH RESPECT TO SWING, THE HKG IS NOT ACTIVELY PURSUING A POLICY OF PROMOTING SWING FROM ANY GROUP OF ITEMS TO ANOTHER GROUP. THE TRADE ASKS FOR SWING AND DC& I PERMITS IT IF YARDAGE IS AVAILABLE. THE SITUATION, THUS, CHANGES ALMOST DAILY. DC& I WILL FURNISH A RUNDOWN OF THE SWING SITUATION AS OF COB MARCH 24 WHICH WILL SHOW THE NET SWING AS OF THAT DATE.

3. DC& I CABLING ABOVE RESPONSE TO JOHN BARROW WHO WILL TAKE IT UP WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND DOC. ECONOFF OFFERED OPINION THAT DC& I REPLY DOES NOT SEEM VERY RESPONSIVE EVEN WHEN HKG'S PROBLEMS WITH THE TRADE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, AND CARRIES THE RISK OF ANOTHER CATEGORY 211 EXERCISE.
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